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### **The International COSMO CONSULT Group Is Expanding – CMS Has Advised on the Acquisition of the Austrian IT Company FWI**

**COSMO CONSULT is currently very active in the sphere of M&A transactions. CMS has advised the international COSMO CONSULT Group on its recent acquisition of the Austrian Microsoft partner FWI, providing legal and tax advice throughout the whole process.**

The COSMO CONSULT Group, which provides end-to-end business solutions based on Microsoft Dynamics to customers around the world, is pursuing a global growth strategy. The integration of the Austrian FWI Group constitutes another step on the way to strengthening COSMO CONSULT's leading position among Microsoft Dynamics partners in Europe. The Group chose CMS as legal counsel for its M&A expertise and profound industry knowledge. Thanks to this cooperation, all industry-specific particularities of the transaction were considered from the start.

CMS provided comprehensive legal and tax advice throughout the whole transaction. The cross-border CMS team was headed by Sibylle Novak (corporate, tax), partner at CMS in Vienna. The Vienna-based team also included Anna Wieser, Lena Winkler and Oliver Werner, three attorneys-at-law specialised in corporate law and M&A, as well as associate Eva-Maria Vögerl (corporate, tax). From CMS in Germany, Jesko Nobiling (corporate, tax), partner at CMS Hasche-Sigle, and Friedrich von Spee (corporate) completed the CMS team.

The acquisition of FWI is the next logical step following the COSMO CONSULT Group's acquisitions in Austria, France, Spain and Latin America in the past months.

#### **About COSMO CONSULT**

COSMO CONSULT offers industry-oriented, complete solutions for Microsoft Dynamics 365, Microsoft Dynamics NAV and AX as well as Microsoft Dynamics CRM and Microsoft SharePoint. Following the acquisition of the FWI Group, COSMO CONSULT now employs 950 experts at 40 offices. The Group's worldwide presence ensures that customers can rely on comprehensive on-site services as well as support in the implementation of international and global ERP, CRM and business intelligence projects. [at.cosmoconsult.com](http://at.cosmoconsult.com)

## **About FWI Information Technology**

FWI is a full-service provider with global expertise in the fields of ERP, CRM, business intelligence, collaboration and data quality, providing integral IT solutions for the optimisation of business processes. A leading partner of Microsoft Dynamics 365, FWI is headquartered in Steyr in the province of Upper Austria and operates two branches in Austria, in Vienna and Vitis, as well as in the German city of Neumarkt. [www.fwi-group.com](http://www.fwi-group.com)

A picture of Sibylle Novak is available for free download [here](#).

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